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April 25, 2006

The Honorable Ken Bennett
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Senate Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1217: public health services district

Dear President Bennett:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1217, which would have eliminated the ability of County Boards of Supervisors to establish public health services districts by unanimous vote of the board.

There is no need for this change. Counties have exercised their current authority in a responsible fashion. Eliminating the flexibility of counties to establish public health districts without having to hold potentially expensive elections is not in the best interest of the state and could unduly limit a county's ability to respond to a crisis. If county voters disagree with a unanimous vote of a County Board of Supervisors, they can either vote for new supervisors at the next regularly scheduled election or in some cases have the matter sent to the ballot through the referendum process.

For these and other reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 1217.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:TN/jm

cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Dean Martin

Passed the House April 17, 20 06

by the following vote: 35 Ayes,

19 Nays, 6 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 14, 20 06

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Charmion Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

 day of , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

 , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this day of , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 19, 2006

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

7 Nays, 3 Not Voting

Klu Blumett
President of the Senate

Charmine Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

19th day of April, 20 06

at 4:40 o'clock P M.

Wendy Ibarra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

at **VETO** o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 25 day of April, 20 06

at 3:28 o'clock P M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

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